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Mr. Bowen Saluted

"Many times these honors come when we are too senile or too dumb to enjoy them. I'm glad this came before I—in my opinion—have reached these levels."

That was the way W. E. Bowen responded this week when awarded a life membership in the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors.

We don't know where this honor ranks among those devised by and bestowed on men, but we are certain that Mr. Bowen ranks this one very high.

An early civic leader in Torrance, Mr. Bowen took up the reins of leadership among Torrance and Lomita Realtors when they were at the point of disbandment. With five members, he set out on what must have seemed like a hopeless course. His success was the point of the tribute this week.

During two terms as president, Mr. Bowen brought the membership past the 100 mark, incorporated the board legally, adopted the first by-laws, inaugurated the Multiple Listing Service, and led in purchase of property and erection of the first office at the present board site. All of this he did while carrying on an active role with the YMCA, his church, and with other youth and civic groups and service clubs in the city and in the state.

Mr. Bowen is right in his observations that honors often come too late. We are pleased in this instance that his peers, the area's Realtors who owe so much to him, have chosen to honor him while he's still an active Realtor, youth leader, and church worker.

"It's been long, hard work; not always easy and not always pleasant," he said.

But that's the way it usually is with things worthwhile.

OTHERS SAY

Security-Security

Have you looked at your paycheck lately? If you have, you probably were shocked, and even more shocks are coming.

On top of a Social Security tax increase on January 1st, the administration is now asking for another big boost in the payout program. This would raise the minimum benefit for retired workers to \$70 a month, and would assure workers with twenty-five years of coverage at least \$100 a month. In addition, it's currently proposed to extend medical insurance to disabled beneficiaries, and allow larger earnings without loss of benefits.

Young Americans in the work force will pay for these increases, if they are enacted. Young people particularly should realize that the foundation of all financial provisions for retirement security is a sound dollar. They should demand, as should all Americans, that the Social Security system be properly managed so as that one day the working public will not rebel against the system. Even under present benefits the combined tax on employes and employers will rise to 11.3 per cent within a few years.

Social Security benefits should be adequate but they should not be vulnerable to political influences.

It might be wise to make a careful appraisal of the system, which is now three decades old, to see if it provides real security.—*Industrial Press Service.*

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Work hard; play little; die early; your family will enjoy your insurance.—*Joseph M. Shaw Jr. in the Cherokee County (Centre, Ala.) Herald.*

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What a pity the manufacturers of clocks don't include on the faces the names given the new models by the copywriters who write the publicity. Then the first encouraging word you would see, as you squint to turn off the alarm in the morning, or as you grope your way into the kitchen, would be: Bold, Chipper, Melody, Capella, Accent, Countryside, and so on.—*Industrial Press Service.*

IT STARTED OUT SO SMALL AND NEAT—



HERB CAEN SAYS:

He Thought Highway 101 Was Freeway Speed Mark

Further international note: A visiting German, who speaks no English, was arrested on Bayshore Freeway the other day for going an even 100 in his rented car—und ach du Lieber, was he ever zornig. Through an interpreter, he explained that he thought the highway marker—101—indicated der speed limit. It was explained back that if he'd been on Highway 40, he'd have been arrested for going too slow, so pay der fine und shuddup . . . The Jefferson Airplane has achieved another measure of success. The rockers are being sued by their former mgr., Matt (Sufferin') Katz, who wants the \$30,000 he said he invested to get e'm started, and more besides . . . Bob Goode, asst. mgr. of Tahoe's Crystal Bay Club, is back from Hawaii with a report on the ultimate sophistication, in Honolulu, he was denied admittance to a topless joint because he was barefoot!

— and you stay that way till you're 70. In this country, middle-age lasts till the day you die. ★ ★ ★ File & forget: Maybe it wasn't so mysterious after all. I mean Gov. Ronnie Poplar's statement that he thought the highway marker—101—indicated der speed limit. It was explained back that if he'd been on Highway 40, he'd have been arrested for going too slow, so pay der fine und shuddup . . . The Jefferson Airplane has achieved another measure of success. The rockers are being sued by their former mgr., Matt (Sufferin') Katz, who wants the \$30,000 he said he invested to get e'm started, and more besides . . . Bob Goode, asst. mgr. of Tahoe's Crystal Bay Club, is back from Hawaii with a report on the ultimate sophistication, in Honolulu, he was denied admittance to a topless joint because he was barefoot!

"His Only Bay Area Appearance," proving again that you can't trust those Eastern fellers. He plays the S.F. Opera House March 18, nein? ★ ★ ★ Pacific Tell & Tell: Sgt. Amateo Russo of S.F., in the thick of the fighting in Vietnam, writes that he and his buddies really crack up every time they open their G rations, extract the little pack of cigarettes, and read on the side "Caution: Cigarette Smoking May Be Hazardous To Your Health." He adds sourly: "Maybe the Charlies would let up if they knew we're all in danger of smoking ourselves to death." ★ ★ ★ Another landmark gone: Johnny "Scooter" Leahey, the legless mendicant who peddled his pencils outside the Palace Hotel for the past 20 years, died last week—without ever having realized his dream of walking. He saved enough money to buy artificial limbs, but never could master their use. It was only two weeks ago that he gave them to his friend, George Silliman, and said bitterly: "Do me a favor, George—throw these things off the Golden Gate Bridge."

The Playboy Club hates stories like this, but it's a fact, nevertheless, that a beautiful Bunny married a Club exec (what's that stuff about no fraternizing?) and then discovered he was already married. He has been fired, and she is working in an S.F. doctor's office—with a two-month-old child to support . . . Here's a new word for you: Mediatrix. That's half way between pediatrics and geriatrics, and Adman Howard Gossage is planning a seminar on the subject here in April, featuring the noted anthropologist and what not, Prof. Ashley Montagu of Princeton. "It's time we started worrying about middle-aged people," says Gossage, "since we're middle-aged most of our lives. Why, when you're 22 with your first wife and your first baby and your first second mortgage and on the verge of your first divorce, you're already middle-aged

We Quote . . .

It is popular to say these days that you can't buy much with five dollars. But I put it to you that you can. With five-dollar contributions to an honest candidate, you can buy something that will be one of your most precious possessions: honest government. — James M. Patterson, director of public relations, American Oil Co. ★ ★ ★ I place economy among the first and most important virtues, and public debt as the greatest of dangers to be feared. To preserve

our independence, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. If we run into such debts, we must be taxed in our meat and drink, in our necessities and in our comforts, in our labor and in our amusements. If we can prevent the government from wasting the labor of the people, under the pretense of caring for them, they will be happy.—Thomas Jefferson. ★ ★ ★ If you judge foods by their prices, they're all luxury items.—Rep. Catherine May (R-Wash). ★ ★ ★ The ultimate answer is only partly in Congress; it is only partly in the White House. More importantly, control of public spending rests with the people who create public sentiment and elect officials of government. And it is a real challenge, because we are to some extent an undisciplined people. Congress is not going to practice restraint unless the message comes from the people generally. — Rep. George H. Mahon (D-Tex.) on federal spending laws.

Morning Report:

No office-holder ever lost a friend by spending a dollar. And the only limit to making friends this way is that for every dollar spent, a dollar must be collected. The state governors felt they had this sad impasse licked. They started a lobby to have Washington cut the states in on the Federal take from income taxes. And the idea was going swimmingly until the president of the National League of Cities spoke up in righteous wrath. Why give this money to the states? What about the cities? If 50 governors have a point, no one can deny that 5000 mayors have more points. Actually if Washington has too much money on hand, I have a suggestion. Why not bypass both governors and mayors? I'm ready for my cut.

Abe Mellinkoff

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Educators Bungle Chance To Show Their Gratitude

By HENRY G. MacARTHUR
Capital News Service

SACRAMENTO — Educators who vociferously have opposed university and state college tuition, as well as budget cuts for higher learning, may not realize it at the present time, but they have done much to dispel public confidence in the state's educational system.

Fundamentally, the primary purpose of education is to instruct young people in the act of living, which includes raising the intelligence of the population so it may live better and cope with emergencies when they arise.

One of the processes in the art of living consists of accepting the bitter with the sweet.

Up to now, education and educators in California have had nothing but the sweet. Average salaries for teachers are the highest in the nation. Virtually all requests for educational facilities, both at the higher and lower levels, have been or are being met. Unlike the average citizen, who can expect two or three weeks vacation during the year, professors and teachers have some three months of freedom from their arduous duties.

Added for professors are sabbatical year leaves of absence, during which the instructors of young men and women can enhance their knowledge for their own benefit and to the advantage of those they teach.

Theoretically, at least, the finest brain-power in California is in the teaching profession. Taxpayers have

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spent millions of dollars to make the facilities available for many degrees above and beyond the normal awards that go with a college education.

And how have the professors repaid an indulgent public? Not with gratitude, which is about all the public asks, but with marches, demands, boeing and hissing, and insults to the governor of the state, along with proposals on their placards to "tax the rich."

Unlike Oliver Twist, who asked for "more" because he was still hungry, the educators with full stomachs ask for "more" to gorge themselves at the expense of the taxpayers.

Although supposedly endowed with superior think-

ing processes, they have failed to accept the facts of life, among which are state indebtedness and alarming deficits in the treasury. And another fact is that this unhealthy financial situation cannot be corrected without additional burdens on the producers, who in the final analysis, no matter what administration is in office, are responsible for the bills.

It is, therefore, not unreasonable to ask how educators with their demanding attitude can transmit the principles of responsibility to the youth of the state when they refuse the facts?

In a few short years, students become full-fledged citizens. Again, how can they accept responsibility when their instructors promote the idea that education is handed out on a silver platter.

So far, the answer of educators to the state's financial problems is bigger and better taxes. They are now faced with a situation in which they are asked to make do with what they have, curtail a bit, and help the administration untangle an unpleasant fiscal crisis.

It will be interesting to see how they meet the challenge.

ROYCE BRIER

Johnson Asks for Funds To Continue Mars Probe

Somewhat buried in the President's budget message was the usual \$5 billion plus for space exploration. That has been roughly the figure for years, but there has been a change in ratios, not pertinent here, for research and actual development.

The lion's share remains for Apollo, the moon project, though the recent tragedy at Cape Kennedy has marred the project. In his message the President mentioned two projects recently commanding little attention.

Every schoolboy now knows exactly how we propose to land on the moon "by 1970." But further exploration of Mars and Venus have been obscure in the whole program, and the President now asks for \$72 million for the initial work.

An immense body of research has yet to be done before either journey can be scheduled. Such planetary exploration is in fact yet in the science fiction stage, despite the probes we passed close to the planets a couple of years ago.

news 10 or 15 years hence, and a discussion of the beginning work may not be out of place.

In our flyby of Venus we did not really learn much. The planet has a cloud envelope which is opaque. An estimate of 800 degrees F. for the surface of the planet is still somewhat theoretical, and we do not know that such a temperature, if it

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exists, is uniform. We have no knowledge of the nature of the crust, whether liquid or liquid and solid.

Mars is an opposite case, its atmosphere is exceedingly tenuous, and the pictures took indicate a crust which resembles the moon's though not so rough and richly marked with meteoric craters. But these pictures incorporated just a tiny fraction of the planet's disc, and did not include the polar caps, where apparently some water vapor exists.

Romanticists who wanted to find Mars habitable, or at least capable of sustaining

primitive life forms, were cast down, but not all astronomers agree the planet is so totally inhospitable as the pictures indicate.

Unmanned vehicles can certainly be landed on Mars in a few years, and soil samples picked up and analyzed, with pictures of the crust similar to our lunar pictures. Any manned Martian landing seems ten or even a hundredfold as complicated as a moon landing, which is remote enough.

As for Venus, we can undoubtedly land an unmanned vehicle on the surface, though if the surface is liquid it complicates matters. Whether the atmosphere would permit pictures, we haven't the slightest idea.

Close-up pictures of Jupiter, and Saturn and its rings, seem theoretically possible in time, though the journeys would consume years. "Colonization" of the Solar System planets appears more suitable to Hollywood space sets for television, than grounded in any reality.

WILLIAM HOGAN

Some Industry Figures; New Book About the West

Counting House: United States book output in 1966 reached an all-time high of 30,050 titles. Publishers' Weekly reports in its Annual Summary Number. Sales continued on the upward trend, with every indication that the 1966 figures, when complete, will at least match the 9 per cent rise in 1965—bringing publishers' total receipts for 1966 above the \$2.2 billion mark.

Total 1966 paperback output was 9,348 titles, representing 31 per cent of all books published during the year. But oops! Mass-market paperbacks dropped 15 per cent. Paperback publishers polled generally agreed that one of the biggest problems facing them today is the "title explosion," or overproduction of paperbacks.

In its lengthy report on the national publishing scene, the paper noted: "At the state level, most censorship activity was concentrated in California, where three San Francisco booksellers were arrested for

selling 'The Love Book,' and a Berkeley bookseller's petition to open a San Francisco branch store was denied on the grounds that the store would attract 'an undesirable element.'"

Profile: In "The Pacific States: California, Oregon, Washington," Time-Life Books inaugurates a 12-volume series called the Li-

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brary of America. Illustrated by scores of photographs in the technically daring Life style, this unit contains a text of some 45,000 words by Neil Morgan, the San Diego-based roving columnist and author ("The Westward Tilt").

It includes a laudatory introductory essay by the poet and critic Kenneth Rexroth, who flatly declares: "The inhabitants of the Pacific Coast are in the front rank of a world revolution that make a far greater difference in human life than either the French or the Russian Revolutions, or both

of them together . . ."

Morgan's text is a basic, workmanlike approach to this "restless edge" of the American Society. The pictures, if anything a little too glittering (an aerial view of 72 Hollywood swimming pools rather than an investigation of West Oakland), tend to invite one into the text; in this sense the Library of America series appears to be addressed primarily to secondary level students, or viewers pre-conditioned to Life's predominantly visual format rather than readers. Thus, pictorially.

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Los Angeles as a smoggy Riviera; a striking aerial view of the Borrego golf resort at the foot of parched slopes of San Ysidro mountains; the pristine rain forest of Washington's Olympic Peninsula; some smashing Life-sized shots of San Francisco. Geological and weather charts; a smattering of historical photographs, professional, if almost embarrassingly slick (\$4.95).